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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR UN WATER CONFERENCE

1. FAO LAND AND WATER DIVISION, WESTCOTT, HAS CONTACTED US IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR UN WATER CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA, MARCH 7-18, 1977.

UN SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ASKED FAO TO PREPARE ONE OF PAPERS ON WATER FOR AGRICULTURE. SECRETARY GENERAL IS IN PROCESS OF SETTING UP HIGH LEVEL NINE-MAN CONSULTANT GROUP TO REVIEW PAPER. SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF NAMES OF WHICH ONE IS AN AMERICAN, DR. BOOKMAN, THOUGH ACTUAL INVITATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. MANY OTHERS ON LIST ARE MINISTERS.

2. FAO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ALTERNATE FOR BOOKMAN WHO THEY FEAR WILL DECLINE. THEY WOULD PREFER THIS ALTERNATE BE NOT ONLY TECHNICAL AGRICULTURAL WATER EXPERT, BUT ALSO SOMEONE CLOSE TO USG PREPARATIONS FOR WATER CONFERENCE. FAO UNDERSTANDS USG HAS SET UP ITS OWN COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE.

WHO ARE U.S. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE? FAO UNDERSTANDS ROBERT HOGAN OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS IS ONE MEMBER OF U.S. COMMITTEE. ALSO, FAO INTERESTED IN WHO WILL

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CHAIR U.S. DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE OR AT LEAST WHO IS

LEAD WASHINGTON OFFICIAL PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE?VOLPE

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